

2019-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

TxDOT Yoakum District

Highway Projects

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TXDOT YOAKUM DISTRICT - HIGHWAY PROJECTS FY 2019

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2019-2022 STII	P			02/2019 Re	vision: Revi	sing				
DISTRICT	MPO		COUNTY	CSJ	TIP FY	HWY	PHASE	CITY		YOE COST
YOAKUM			WHARTON	0266-05-048	2019	SH 71	С	OTHER	\$	9,916,165
LIMITS FROM	FM 1300						PROJEC	T SPONSOR		
LIMITS TO	FM 2765							REVISION DAT	E 02/2019	
PROJECT	ADD 2 LANES	FOR 4-LANE UNDI	VIDED WITH C	ONTINUOUS LEF	T TURN			MPO PROJ NU	M	
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PREL ENG \$	500,397		CATEGORY	FEDERAL	ST	ATE	REGIONAL	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
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INDIRECT \$	0									
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PT CHG ORD \$	380,558									
TOTAL CST \$	11,506,867	1								

Yoakum District - 13

FY 2019 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Funding by Category

		FY 2	2019	FY 2	2020	FY 2	021	FY 2	2022	Total FY 20	019 - 2022
Category	Description	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized	Programmed	Authorized
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$9,916,165	\$9,916,165	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,916,165	\$9,916,165
2M or 2U	Urban Area (Non-TMA) Corridor Projects	\$0	\$0	\$31,000,000	\$31,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,000,000	\$31,000,000
3	Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects	\$75,649,000	\$75,649,000	\$77,000,000	\$77,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$152,649,000	\$152,649,000
5	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6	Structures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Metro Mobility & Rehab	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	TAP / TASA	\$520,551	\$520,551	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$520,551	\$520,551
10	Supplemental Transportation	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10 CBI	Corridor Border	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11	District Discretionary	\$1,003,972	\$1,003,972	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$30,700,000	\$30,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$36,203,972	\$36,203,972
12	Strategic Priority	\$56,900,000	\$56,900,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$156,900,000	\$156,900,000
SBPE	Strategy Budget PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SB 102	Strategy 102	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$143,989,688	\$143,989,688	\$212,500,000	\$212,500,000	\$30,700,000	\$30,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$387,189,688	\$387,189,688

Funding Participation Source

Source	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Total FY 19-22
Federal	\$110,867,999	\$170,000,000	\$24,560,000	\$0	\$305,427,999
State	\$33,017,579	\$42,500,000	\$6,140,000	\$0	\$81,657,579
Local Match	\$104,110	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$104,110
CAT 3 - Local Contributions (LC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Prop 14 Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - Texas Mobility Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAT 3 - TDC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Strategy PE Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Strategy 102 Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$143,989,688	\$212,500,000	\$30,700,000	\$0	\$387,189,688

Add or remove row(s) of funding participation source if needed



Documentation of Public Hearing Opportunity

Project LocationWharton County

State Highway (SH) 71 CSJ 0266-05-048

Project Limits from FM 1300 to FM 2765

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A. NOTICES



403 HUCK STREET, YOAKUM, TEXAS 77995 | 361.293.4300 | WWW.TXDOT.GOV

Notice

Opportunity for a Public Hearing

State Highway (SH) 71

From Farm to Market (FM) 1300 to FM 2765

CSJ(s): 0266-05-048

Wharton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the lead agency proposing to construct a continuous center left turn lane along State Highway (SH) 71 from Farm to Market (FM) 1300 to FM 2765 in El Campo, Wharton County, Texas. The proposed project would also construct an additional travel lane in each direction, construct curb and gutter, and install storm sewer within the project limits. The total distance of the proposed project is approximately 1.64 miles. Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.106 and §2.108, this notice advises the public that TxDOT is affording an opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed project. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

The proposed project would construct a 14 foot wide continuous center left turn lane along SH 71 from FM 1300 to FM 2765. The proposed project would also construct an additional travel lane in each direction within the project limits. The proposed project would provide two 12 foot travel lanes in each direction with 2 foot shoulders. A curb and gutter system would be installed along with an underground storm sewer drainage system. The purpose of the proposed project is to widen the existing roadway to accommodate a two-way left turn lane and add an additional through lane in each direction. The project is needed to improve safety and enhance mobility in the area.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 100 to 120 feet. The proposed project would not require additional ROW. The proposed project would not require any residential or non-residential displacements.

The proposed project would encroach upon the 100 year floodplain; however, the project would not raise the base flood elevation. The proposed project would not impact any wetlands. The proposed project would impact three potentially jurisdictional water features.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Yoakum District Office located at 403 Huck St., Yoakum, TX 77995.

Any interested citizen may request a public hearing covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design for this project. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing on or before November 10, 2017, to the TxDOT Yoakum District Office, Mr. Jeffery Vinklarek, P.E., Dir. of Transportation, Planning, and Development, 403 Huck St., Yoakum, TX 77995.

Additionally, if you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the opportunity for the public hearing, contact Mr. Jeffery Vinklarek, P.E. at 361-293-4300 or Jeffery Vinklarek @txdot.gov.

IFESTYLE TODAY



Contributed Photo

Extending A Helping Hand

To assist with the devastation from Hurricane Harvey, Northside Elementary presented a check in the amount of \$2,900 to Wharton Elementary School. Students and staff at Northside Elementary came together to raise the funds. Pictured for the presentation are Eddie Taylor, Wharton Elementary assistant principal; Barbara Fonseca, Northside PTO treasurer; Rebecca Crowell, Northside Elementary principal; Jennifer Mann, Wharton Elementary principal and Michelle Kubecka, Wharton Elementary assistant principal.

DIAPER SET

Adaline Escamilla

Chelsey Mican and Teekay Escamilla of El Campo announce the birth of their first child, a daughter named Adaline Mae Escamilla. The baby was born Oct. 6, 2017 at Hermann Memorial Hospital in Sugar Land. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Chris Mican of El Campo and Tammie and Ed Buxton of Houston. Paternal grandparents are Tony and Lily Escamilla of El Campo and the late Laura Escamilla.

Maternal great-grandparents are Alma Mican, late Cyril Mican and the late Charles C. and Norma J. Dorris, all of El Campo. Paternal great-grandparents are Sara Escamilla and the late Eusebio Escamilla of El Campo.

Runners/walkers invited to participate in SPOT foot race

The 9th Annual SPOT Trot/5K Race, in memory of Amber Hensarling, D.V.M., will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at Riverfront Park in Wharton.

Registration is on-site only starting at 8 a.m. The 5K begins at 9 a.m. and Trot and activities get under way at 10 a.m.

Hensarling was a resident of Wharton with a genuine love and compassion for people and animals. She lost her life at age 24 while in her last year of veterinary school at Texas A&M University. The SPOT Trot/5K Race honors her and her commitment to animals.

Besides a 5K Race and one-mile Trot, there will be music, concessions, contests, activities for all ages and pets, a raffle, and a Chip and Clip booth. For \$20 you can get your dog microchipped and nails clipped.

Sponsorships are still available at Chihuahua, Beagle, Labrador Retriever and Great Dane levels.

For more information contact Diana Gajewsky at 979-618-

1155 or email SPOT at wcspot@hotmail.com. All proceeds go to support Wharton County's abandoned animals.

Today last day to order nuts, pecans from Taiton EE Club

By QUALA MATOCHA lifestyle@leader-news.com

Today is the last day to place an order for pecans and other assorted nuts with the ladies of Taiton Extension Education Club.

Pecans are a delicious snack just on their own, but they can be a wonderful addition to many holiday recipes. Walnuts and peanuts are equally great additions to cookies, candies, crusted chicken or just plain healthy when eaten on their own.

Offerings also include mixes that make great gifts. The one-pound California mix includes almonds, walnuts, dried apricots, diced dates, banana chips, seedless raisins, coconut chips, cashews and sunflower seeds for \$7. Others include the Cran-Slam at \$7.50, Fiesta for \$4.75, Fruit, \$5; Hunter's and Mountain Trash at \$6.25 and Texas deluxe mix at \$9.50.

arious projects they support. This year they have added Hurricane Harvey relief efforts to that extensive list.

Pecan halves start at 1 pound for \$12.50, three pounds for \$36 and a five pound box for \$59.50. Pecan pieces in the same increments are \$12, \$35.50 and \$58.

Raw Spanish peanuts come in a 3-pound cloth bag for \$9.25. Redskin, cocktail and hot and spicy peanuts are available in a one pound bag for \$4. Chocolate peanuts and honey roasted peanuts are sold in a 12-ounce bag for

Other one pound nuts include cashews, \$9.75; walnut halves and pieces, \$9; pistachios, \$10 and raw whole almonds for \$9.75.

Pecans, which also come in a variety of flavors in a 12-ounce bag, include sugar free chocolate, milk chocolate, white chocolate, praline frosted, cinnamon frosted, honey toasted glazed and chocolate toffee covered. Prices start at \$8.50.

To place your order, call one of the following members: Dorothy Faas, 543-6319; All proceeds are used for Bettie Konvicka, 543-4333; Jeanette Mazoch, 543-7099; Kathryn Sellers, 543-8537, Delores Dornak, 332-3455; Rosemary Nohavitza, 543-6687 or Mary Ann Gerla, 543-

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undergraduate degree in Allied Health at Texas A&M University. She then obtained a Masters of Physician Assistant Studies degree from the The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. She is a board certified physician assistant and is a member of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, the American Academy of

Physician Assistants, and the Society of Permatology Physician Assistants.

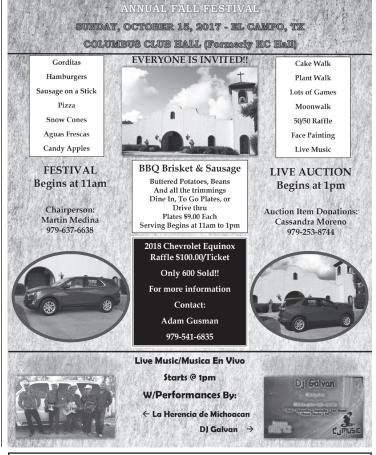
Lindsey Carroll grew up in Ganado, Texas

and is committed to serving the community in which she was raised.

- Hospice Care
- Respite Care



GardenVillaElCampo.com



VOLUNTEER AT THE HERITAGE CENTER! 979-543-1112

- Wine, Arts Fair features live entertainment, food

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Majek Vineyard & Winery and San Ducerro Vineyards. Lynne Majek of Majek

Vineyard & Winery will be donating \$5 of every bottle sold at the event to the Wharton Chamber of Commerce Small Business Relief Fund.

The fund will be helping the local economy directly by

helping businesses recover and reopen following Hurricane Harvey's devastation.

There will be more than 10 businesses around and near the square that will be open as wine stations.

Montgomery Gallery and Frame will be the first station and then the wine path will continue toward Burleson to Richmond Road then toward

Big City Medicine

Milam, where Milam intersects with Richmond people will also come across a root beer station and the trail will

end at Selections. The Monterey Wine and Arts Fair will have several featured artists such as The Tomes, The Java Jam Band, James Young, The Pham Band, Cerveza Road, Bubba Westly and headliner James

Young. Food trucks will also line the streets with cuisine from barbecue to crepes.

For information, www.montereysquarewinefair.com.



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE: Opportunity for a Public Hearing

SH 71 from FM 1300 to FM 2765 Proposed Improvements

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Prefix Title	Salutation	First	Last	Title/Position	Company/Organization	Contact Type	Mailing Address
The Honorable	Mayor	Randy	Collins	Mayor	City of El Campo		
The Honorable	Council Member	Jeff	Allgayer	Council Member	City of El Campo		
The Honorable	Council Member	Gloria	Harris	Council Member	City of El Campo		
The Honorable	Council Member	Tommy	Hitzfeld	Council Member	City of El Campo		
The Honorable	Council Member	Anisa	Vasquez	Council Member	City of El Campo		
The Honorable	Council Member	John	Hancock	Council Member	City of El Campo		
The Honorable	Mayor Pro-Tem	Richard	Young	Council Member	City of El Campo		
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The Honorable	Commissioner	Chris	King	County Commissioner	Wharton County		
The Honorable	Commissioner	Steven	Goetsch	County Commissioner	Wharton County		
The Honorable	Commissioner	Doug	Matthews	County Commissioner	Wharton County		
The Honorable	Judge	Phillip S.	Spenrath	County Judge	Wharton County		
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The Honorable	Senator	Lois W.	Kolkhorst	Senator, District 18	Texas State Senate		
The Honorable	Congressman	Blake	Farenthold	Congressman	U.S. House of Representative	S	
The Honorable	Senator	John	Cornyn	Senator	U.S. Senate		

The Honorable Senator Ted Cruz Senator U.S. Senate

Property	Parcel ID	Owner	Site Address
1		D V Subway LP	
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2		Armada El Campo Shopping Center LTD	
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3		Leona Mollnar	
4			
4		Robert Mollnar	
5		DS & J Family LP	
6		Lynn Honc etux Diana	
7		Hamman Swab & Oil Field	
8		Loomis International Inc.	
9		Loomis International Inc.	
10			
		DAM Services Inc.	
11		Michael Bolcik etux Linda	
12		Annie Washington	
13		Kevin King	
14		Fred Prihoda	
15		Harold Michelson Bypass Trust	
16		BPOE Lodge #1749	
17		Fred Baron etux Toni	
18		Robert Shelley	
19		Jerry & Beverly Hensley	
20		David Pratka	
21		David & Virginia Pratka	
22		Brian Meek	
23		F L Tucker LTD	
		F L Tucker LTD	
24			
		Wilbur Swanson	
25		Frank & Gloria Marek	
26		William & Dana Jenkins	
27			
		Alfred Stanger	

28	Brent Schiurring
29	Roy & WF Weston
30	, David Allgayer etux Shara
31	Renda King
32	Rock N Properties
33	Lorraine Cranek
34	Felix & Barbara Alvarez
35	Samantha Alvarez
36	Rosalinda Marek, Sara Koop, Janet Rioux
37	Jimmy Roppolo
38	James & Sandra Roppolo
39	Mark Hoffer
40	Joyce Hoffer Life Estate
41	Michael Davila
42	
42	Fred & Helen Dornak
43	Richard & Anita Falcon
44	Victor Alquisira
45	Joe Nafegar
46	Rice Group LP
47	Sandra Stepan
48	Amy Samaripa
49	Silvan Dluhos
50	Lazara Fleites & Roberto Etvir
51	Lillian Kutac
52	H&B Packer Service, Inc.
53	El Campo City Easements
54	El Campo Spraying, Inc.
55	Edward Strnadel, ETAL
56	Hanh LLC
57	Buc-ees LTD
	Buc-ees LTD
58	Del Campo Square LLC
	Del Campo Square LLC



B. CERTIFICATION



Public Hearing Opportunity Certification

Project Name: LP 463 Frontage Roads

County Name Victoria

Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ): 2350-01-054

Project Limits:

From: Mockingbird Lane

To: BU 59T

I certify that the following statements are true and apply to the project identified above.

- A. An opportunity has been afforded the public to request a hearing addressing the project location and design.
- B. One request for a public hearing was received, but was retracted after concerns were addressed and satisfied. The written request from the individual retracting the request for the hearing is attached to this certification.
- C. The economic and social effects of the project location and design and its impacts on the environment have been considered.
- D. In determining economic, social, and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered and complied with.
- E. The project consistency with the goals and objectives of urban planning, as dictated by the community, has been considered.
- F. Requirements of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, Section 2.106 have been met.
- G. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Signed: J	effery Vinklarek Digitally signed by Jeffery Vinklarek Obt. cn-Jeffery Vinklarek, cn-TaODT, cu-YVXM, mail-jeffery winklarek, cn-TaODT, cu-YVXM, Date: 2017/23/26/18 24:744-8 00005	Director of TP&D	Date: 3-8-2017	
	Name/Title			
Print Name	e:Jeffery Vinklarek, P.E.			



Documentation of Public Meeting

Project Location

Wharton County

State Highway (SH) 71 CSJ 0266-05-048

Project Limits

from FM 1300 to FM 2765

Meeting Location

El Campo Civic Center 2350 North Mechanic St. El Campo, Tx 77437

Meeting Date and Time

November 17, 2016 at 5:00pm

Translation Services

n/a

Presenters

TxDOT and CH2M Staff

Elected Officials in Attendance

Richard Young, City of El Campo, Councilman Doug Matthews, Wharton County Commissioner, Pct. 4 Terry Stanphill, City of El Campo, Police Chief

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

28

Total Number of Commenters

1

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Appendix A – Comments/response matrix

Not Applicable



Appendix B – Notices

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SH 71 From FM 1300 to FM 2765 Wharton County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Yoakum District, will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, to present the proposed roadway improvements for SH 71 in El Campo, Wharton County. The proposed project's limits are from Farm to Market (FM) 1300 to FM 2765 in El Campo. The meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the El Campo Civic Center, in the Duson Room, located 2350 North Mechanic St., El Campo, Texas, 77437. The Public Meeting will be in an open house "come and go" format with no formal presentation.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on the proposed improvements. The proposed improvements include adding a center turn lane and two additional travel lanes throughout the project limits. Storm sewers would also be installed to allow for a curb and gutter facility. The proposed project would improve mobility safety and increase capacity thus improving the safety of this section of roadway.

The public is invited to attend the meeting to view project maps, visit with team members, ask questions, and share comments. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- Written comment card submitted at the meeting
- Written comments submitted by mail, email, or fax after the meeting

After the meeting, written comments may be submitted to TxDOT Yoakum District, Attn: Jeffery Vinklarek, 403 Huck St., Yoakum, TX 77995. Faxed comments will also be accepted at (361) 293-4372. Written comments must be postmarked or emailed to Jeffery. Vinklarek@txdot.gov by November 17, 2016 for inclusion in the Public Meeting Record.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Cari Hensley at (361) 293-4436. Requests should be made by Wednesday, October 26, 2016. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, or if you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Jeffery Vinklarek at (361) 293-4363.

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We Need Your Feedback!

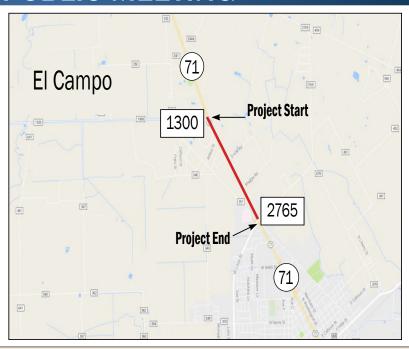
SH 71 from FM 1300 to FM 2765

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SH 71 Proposed Improvements

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5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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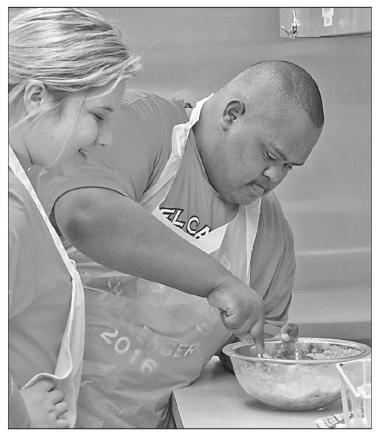
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Life Skills Bazaar

Hand-made Goods Provide Christmas Shopping Solutions, Student Funds



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Helping Hands

El Campo High School sophomore Karsyn Russell (left) helps Life Skills Step II student Ernest Fields Friday mix up a batch of banana bread for next week's Life Skills Holiday Bazaar. Hand-crafted items and baked goods will be available at the bazaar next Thursday and Friday at Christ Lutheran Church.

Time Again

By JODY LARIMER reporter@leader-news.com

Supporting students with special needs while Christmas shopping can be achieved at the upcoming Life Skills Holiday Bazaar.

For more than 25 years, special needs students have been creating unique, handcrafted holiday items and whipping up a sundry of baked goods to raise money for classroom supplies and field trips.

The interaction between the students and shoppers during the bazaar is beneficial to both parties too, according to ECHS Life Skills-STEP II Instructor Barbara Hlavaty.

"The bazaar is important to our students in so many levels," she said. "It's a teaching tool for employment opportunities, but it's so much more."

It introduces students to the community and vice versa, Hlavaty said.

"It opens doors to relationships of trust and familiarity. Our students will be productive members of our community one day," she said. "The introduction now makes that possible in the future."

Students Friday were pre-

paring items for next week's bazaar, specifically – banana bread.

"Our breads are always a big seller," Hlavaty said.

With several new special ed teachers starting with the district this year, Hlavaty was uncertain the breads would get baked.

"I mentioned it to one of the cooking teachers and she said 'why don't we help y'all out?" Culinary students were

working alongside the special ed students, making sure all the items are ready for the bazaar. This year's marketplace,

held at Christ Lutheran Church, 1401 Ave. I, is Thursday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items, ranging from under a dollar up to \$50, are all handcrafted by the special ed students and include baked goods as well as wooden stars, Christmas trees, snowmen, angels, candles, Santas, ornaments, jewelry, Fall accents, wreaths and more.

Hlavaty encourages all to attend.

"Your attendance and support of our bazaar opens doors," Hlavaty said.

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Season of giving under way in area

By JODY LARIMER

reporter@leader-news.com

Giving thanks for all one's blessings as well as reaching out to help another in need are all part of November in El

As the remainder of the candy is gobbled up and Halloween costumes stowed away for next year, there are plenty of activities in which to participate this month. Every year in November,

for example, Prosperity Bank, Elks Lodge 1749, 96 FM Country and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1069 organize the care package drive GI Joe/GI Jane - Everyday Heroes.

Organizers collect goods and/or supplies all month to send overseas to soldiers, with the hope of lifting their spirits during the holiday season.

"It's a great feeling to know we are all doing our part to support the troops, who have volunteered to serve and protect us and our country," Prosperity Bank Assistant Vice President/Loan Officer Connie Schertz said. "It doesn't take much to bring a smile to a soldier's face."

Donations of food, candy, medical and hygiene items,



Treats For Troops

Prosperity Bank volunteers load packages during a previous food drive. They're asking the community to give again this year.

games, letters and stamps are welcomed along with volun-

Groups or individuals can also write thank you or support letters to troops.

Donations can be made at Prosperity Bank, 1301 N. Mechanic; Elks Lodge, 3030 N. Mechanic; or at 96 FM Country, 201 E. Jackson.

"If you have friends or family who are deployed, please send me their names so they can be recipients of these donations as our heroes and to say thank you," Schertz said.

The big holiday is Turkey Day, otherwise known as Thanksgiving, and every year a free community dinner is held. This year's event will again be at noon Thursday, Nov. 24 at the El Campo Civic

Open to the public, the dinner includes a turkey meal with all the fixings as well as door prizes and entertainment.

Donations are needed to help fund the event, though, and can be made to El Campo Community Events at First State Bank of Louise on the West Loop.

Volunteers to help with set up, serving and tear down are also needed, as well as dessert donations. For more information, call 332-8338. Starting Saturday, Nov. 26

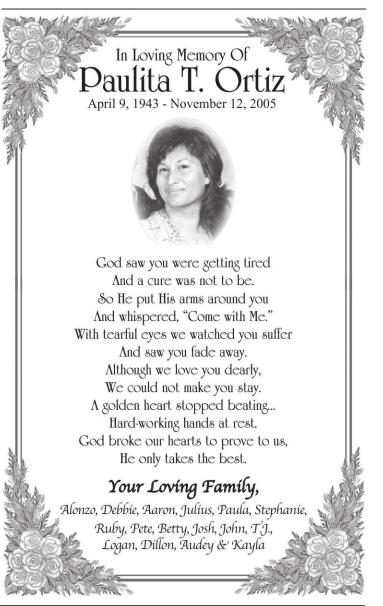
and continuing every Saturday up to Christmas, kettle bells will greet all who visit Walmart as the Salvation Army raises money for those locally in need.

(Money) does not go out of this town or to pay salaries, Organizer Ann Strarup said.

Last year's campaign didn't garner a large amount of money, she added.

"I hope that this year you will find it in your heart to give more than was given last year," Strarup said. "It will be so appreciated."

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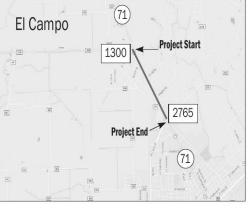
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Hwy. 71N widening plan open for public view

By SHANNON CRABTREE scrabtree@leader-news.com

of Hwy, 71 North to a five-lane roadway during a state open house Thursday. The public can peruse plans to convert more

the El Campo Civic Center Expansion Room, does not include a formal presentation. The meeting, set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday in

call for the two-lane roadway to be expanded to tersection to the FM 1300 intersection, state plans Targeting Hwy. 71 North from the FM 2765 in-

> five (two driving lanes in either direction with center turn lane).

duces head-on crashes by providing a buffer between the opposing lanes of traffic." an acceptable gap to turn," she added. "It also remobility. The center turn lane gives vehicles the complish two goals, increase safety and increase ley, Texas Department Of Transportation Yoaincreased and continues to do so," said Cari Hensopportunity to get out of traffic while waiting for kum District spokesperson. "This project will ac-"Traffic along this stretch of State Hwy. 71 has

tion of roadway daily, according to state traffic Almost 8,900 vehicles pass through that sec-

for curb and guttering. State plans also call for storm sewers to allow

for the public to view maps, ask questions about the project and provide input. The Thursday session is specifically designed

for the design to be finalized in Summer 2017 with stage, and is currently unfunded. State plans call the construction start date still undetermined The \$11 million project is in a preliminary

Council action preserves northeast neighborhood

By SHANNON CRABTREE

by zoning laws until Monday night. their homes if they like or even have po neighborhood can now remodel new ones built - actions prohibited Residents in a northeast El Cam-

"U" on the southern side of a planned effort affects five blocks forming a ingale Hospital once stood at East development, a site where Night-West and Shropshire. The neighborhood preservation

or General Commercial county annex and a couple of vacant lots, the neighborhood was zoned C-2 aid business, church parking lot, the Enveloping 42 homes, a hearing

tractors' yards and convenience Auto sales, bowling centers, con-

stores are among the things that can locate in a C-2 zone – but not single amily homes.

tiated by someone who wanted to tor Penny Hornsby said, "was iniwanted to do." build, but they couldn't do what they The change, City Planning Direc-

residential to allow for development Commercial zone rather than a true the future, Hornsby said. Staffirecommended a C-1 or Light

banks, for example, to also locate in laundromats, libraries, clinics and C-1 zone allows for antique shops, In addition to single family homes,

open," Hornsby said after Mayor Pro "We wanted to keep that option

(See REZONING, Page 8-A)

to seek disaster funds County making effort

By JODY LARIMER reporter@leader-news.com

non-profit organization in an effort to receive more disaster recovery Wharton County commissioners Monday partnered with an outside,

will work with Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Management. The alliance means the Institute for Building Technology and Safety

rently works with the state program and FEMA when disasters occur. County Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Kirkland cur-

also the citizens of those government agencies," Kirkland said. "IBTS is a non-profit that doesn't just help government agencies, but

Helping write grants for each home effected by a disaster is some

thing the county is not staffed to do, he said.

from a relative, but never probated in court so they don't have a clear you money," Kirkland said. "The house may have been passed down "If a home is damaged, you have to own the home for FEMA to give

(See FUNDS FOR THOSE IN NEED, Page 8-A)

Hwy. 71N project gains support

Concern Meeting Visitors Share Drainage Top

scrabtree@leader-news.com BY SHANNON CRABTREE

os were questioned. ficials and business representatives 1300 received support from city of-Thursday, although drainage scenar-A five-lane Hwy. 71 North to FM

drawings, make comments and ask Civic Center allowing all to look over presented the plans at the El Campo State highway officials informally

Targeting Hwy. 71 North from the FM 2765 intersection to the FM 1800 sidewalks on either side. rection with a center turn lane) with live (two driving lanes in either ditwo-lane roadway to be expanded to intersection, state plans call for the

ager Mindi Snyder told the Leader-News, adding, "I do see the growth also includes a sidewalk," City Manto the businesses in that area and it area as it allows for a turn lane to get ment for El Campo and safety in that improvement may help to spur that." potential in that area as well so this El Campo Mustang Cat Branch We see this as a positive improve-

ect has a lot of potential benefits for the targeted area. Manager Jake Mueller said the projhis company and its location within

added, "Drainage is a concern. We're "It's the safety of getting our cus-tomers in and out," he said, but already holding water."

A turn lane however would be

That Ought To Work

FI Campo Mustand Cat workers Glenn Stary, left, and Jake Mueller look over state plans for expanding Hwy. 71 North from



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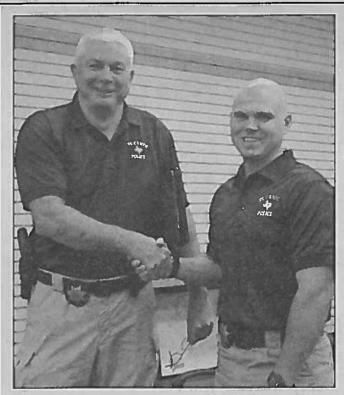
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LAW & ORDER



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New ECPD Sergeant

El Campo Police Chief Terry Stanphill, left, presents Sgt. Jeremy Dusek during Monday night's City Council session. A four-year veteran of the police force, Dusek started as a patrolman and has moved up the command chain. A Sam Houston graduate, he now supervises the night

-Burglary

(Continued from Page 1-A)

The charger for an electric fence was stolen in the 2100 block of CR 356 and in the 700 block of Second Street in Louise another burglary was reported.

A home burglar, was re-

ported in the 9000 block of FM 441 South on Nov. 14. Jars of coins were the only items of value taken from the house.

Anyone with information on who is responsible for these crimes can contact the Wharton County Sheriff's Department at 543-1373 or the West Wharton County Crime Stoppers at 543-8477 (TIPS).

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—No date for roadwork

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of assistance for trucks entering the business, Mueller said. "It's got a lot of potential."

Almost 8,900 vehicles pass through that section of roadway daily, according to state traffic counts.

State plans also call for storm sewers to allow for curb and

"It's a positive thing for the community," City Public Works Director Clay Harris said. "It's always nice to see TxDOT invest in our community."

The \$11 million project is in a preliminary stage, and is currently unfunded, according to Cari Hensley, the public information officer for the highway department's Yoakum District.

State plans call for the design to be finalized in Summer 2017 with the construction start date still undetermined.

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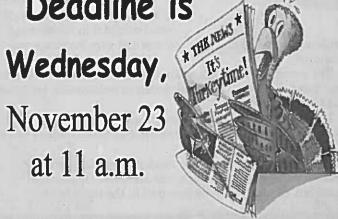
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new cruisers

A concern, the chief said, is the fact the department only received funding for two units.

"I have been cut a vehicle the last two years." he said. "Nor-



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Appendix C – Sign-in Sheets



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Appendix D - Comments Received



COMMENT FORM SH 71 from FM 1300 to FM 2765 Public Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. El Campo Civic Center – Expansion Room

(PLEASE PRINT) REPRESENTING: (Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): check each of the following boxes that apply to you: □ I am employed by TxDOT I do business with TxDOT ☐ I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting TxDOT is requesting your comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted at this public meeting, or via email to Jeffery. Vinklarek@txdot.gov. You may also mail comments to Jeffery Vinklarek at the TxDOT Yoakum District Office, 403 Huck Street Yoakum, TX 77995, or fax to (361) 293-4372. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by December 2, 2016 to be included in the project meeting summary.

This form may be used to provide comments on this project. Any questions on this form will not be considered an open records request and will not be treated as such. If you wish to submit an open records request, please do so separately.

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Appendix E – Figures



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SH 71 from FM 1300 to FM 2765

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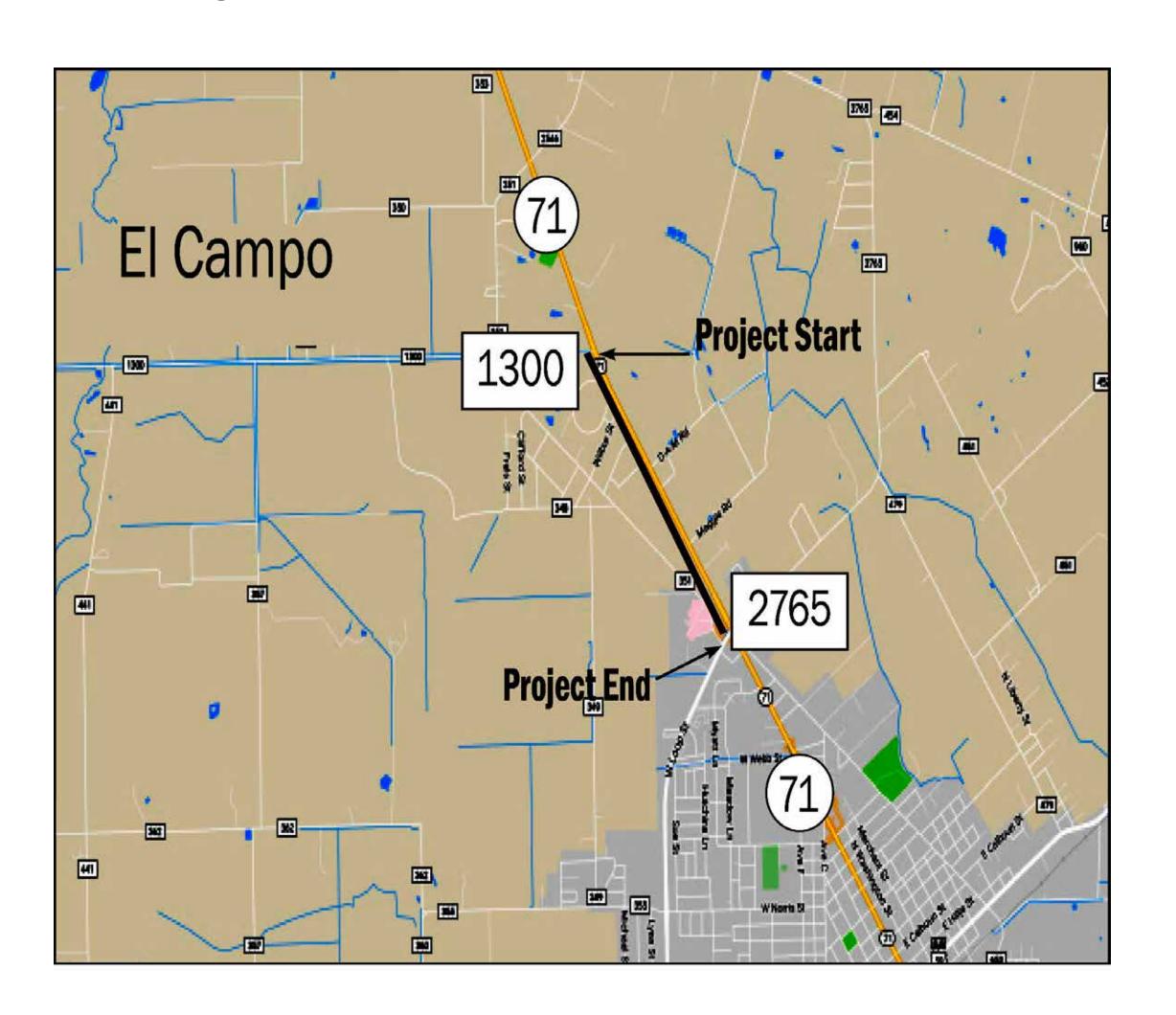
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- Provide comments on the proposed project

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SH 71
Project
Location
Map

Project Start: FM 1300

Project End: FM 2765



Project Purpose and Need

What is the purpose of this project?

 This project widens the existing roadway to accommodate a twoway left turn lane and adds an additional through lane in each direction

What are we trying to do?

- Improve safety
- Improve mobility



Project Schedule*

SH 71 Ongoing Public Involvement

Preliminary Design

Fall 2016

Environmental Decision

Spring 2017

Finalize Design

Summer 2017

Construction

Undetermined (Unfunded)

^{*} This project schedule and dates are preliminary and subject to change.



Project Details

The proposed improvements include:

- Adding a center turn lane
- Adding two additional main lanes throughout the project limits
- Installing storm sewer to allow for a curb and gutter system
- It is proposed that work would take place within the existing right of way



How Can I Make Comments?

Please submit all comments by Friday, December 2, 2016

Mail or drop off written comments to:

TxDOT Yoakum Office
403 Huck Street
Yoakum, Texas 77995

- Submit a written comment form tonight
- Fax comments to 361-293-4372
- Email comments to
 Jeffery.Vinklarek@txdot.gov



How Can I Stay Informed and Get Involved?

- Contact Jeffery Vinklarek at 361-293-4363 or Jeffery.Vinklarek@txdot.gov
- Participate in commenting opportunity
- Invite the project team to meet with your group
- Visit <u>www.txdot.gov</u> and search keywords: "SH 71 from 1300"



Next Steps

- Compile and consider community input from tonight's public meeting and commenting period
- Finalize project design details
- Prepare and finalize Environmental Document



Appendix F - Description of project modifications resulting from public meeting (if applicable)

Not Applicable